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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday February 1, 2022

**Disclaimer:** The purpose of this briefing is to provide a <u>Regional</u> weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information.

To find your local NWS forecast office, go to <u>www.weather.gov/srh</u>.

- Winter weather with hazardous travel likely and some power outages possible for OK, AR, NM, & N/Central/W TX Wednesday into Thursday with impacts lingering into Saturday.
- Cold temperatures for OK, E NM, NW TX on Wednesday expanding across much OK, NM, TX, & AR Thursday-Saturday.
- Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding for SAR, NETX, & N LA Wednesday & for LA on Thursday.
- Isolated severe storms for SE LA on Thursday.

#### FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Feb 1, 2022 - Feb 5, 2022

DAY / THREAT	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Severe Storms			SE LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		SAR, NETX, N LA	LA		
Fire Weather					
Cold		OK, E NM, NWTX	OK,TX, NM,AR	OK,TX, NM,AR	OK,TX, NM,AR
Winter Weather	NM, OK (late)	OK,AR, NM N/Central/WTX	OK, AR, NM N/Central/WTX	OK,AR, NM N/Central/WTX	OK,AR, NM N/Central/WTX
River Flooding					



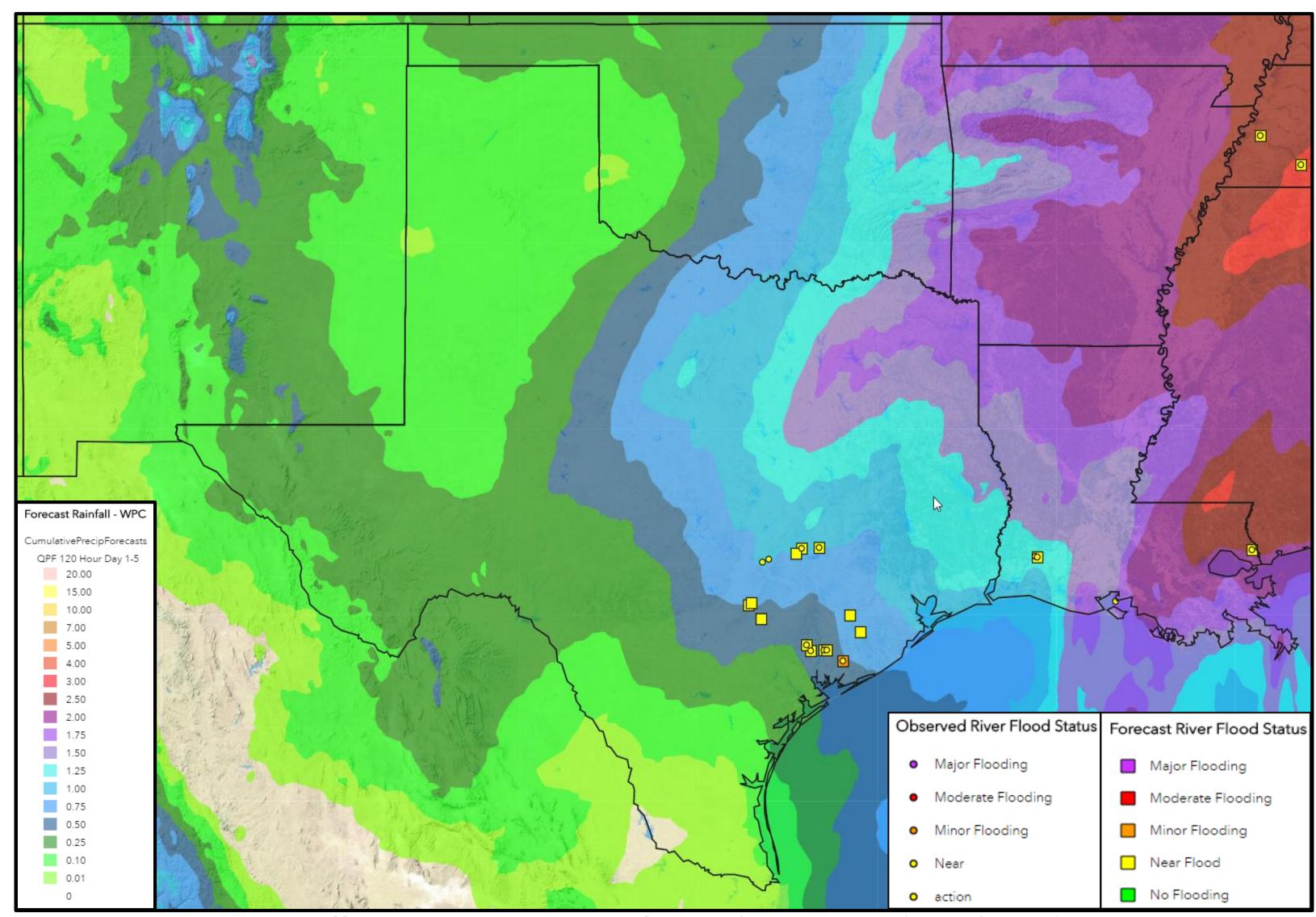
\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



#### 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



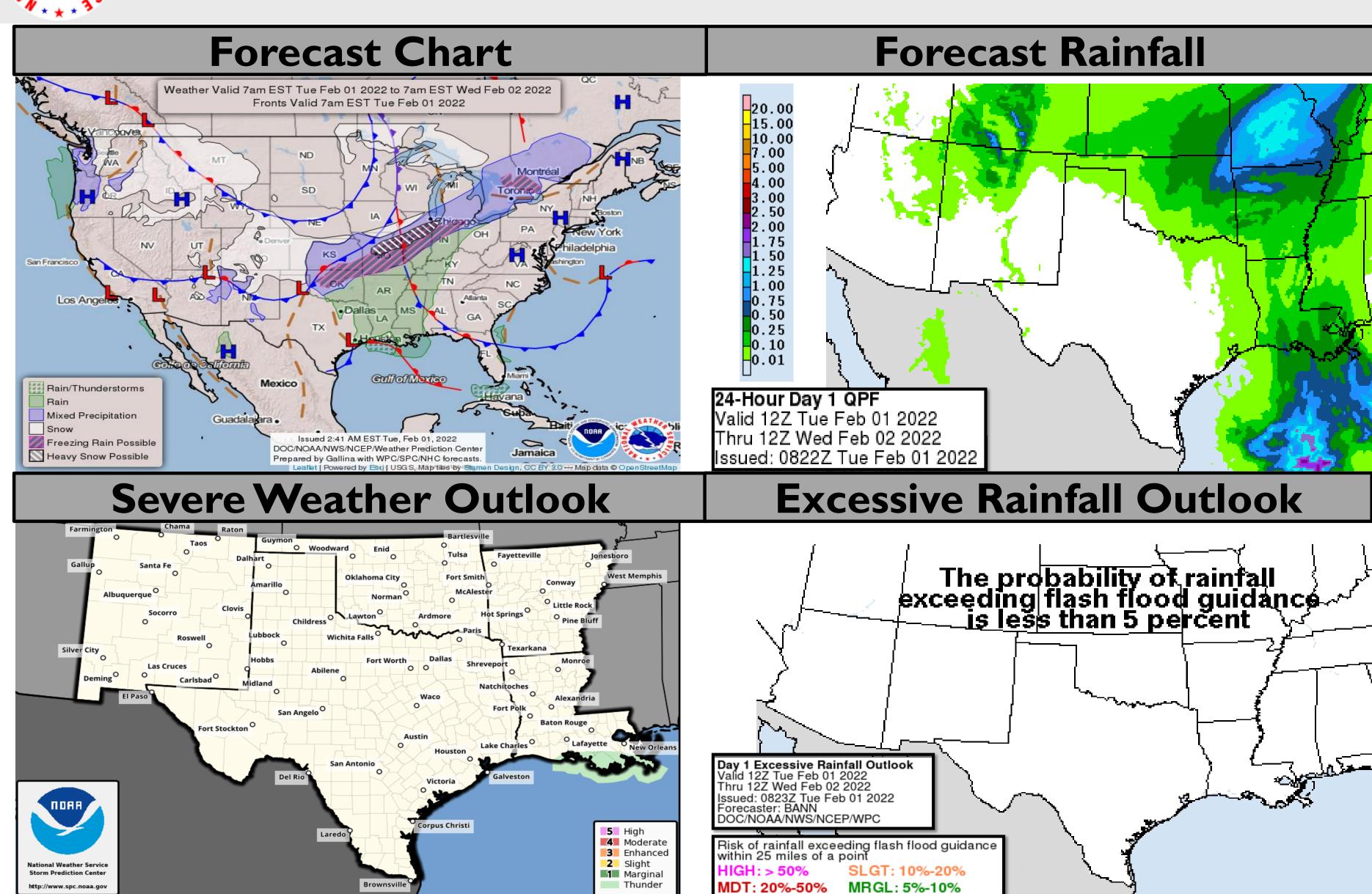
No significant river flooding is occurring or forecast.

http://water.weather.gov/ahps for latest river flooding

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#### Today's Weather

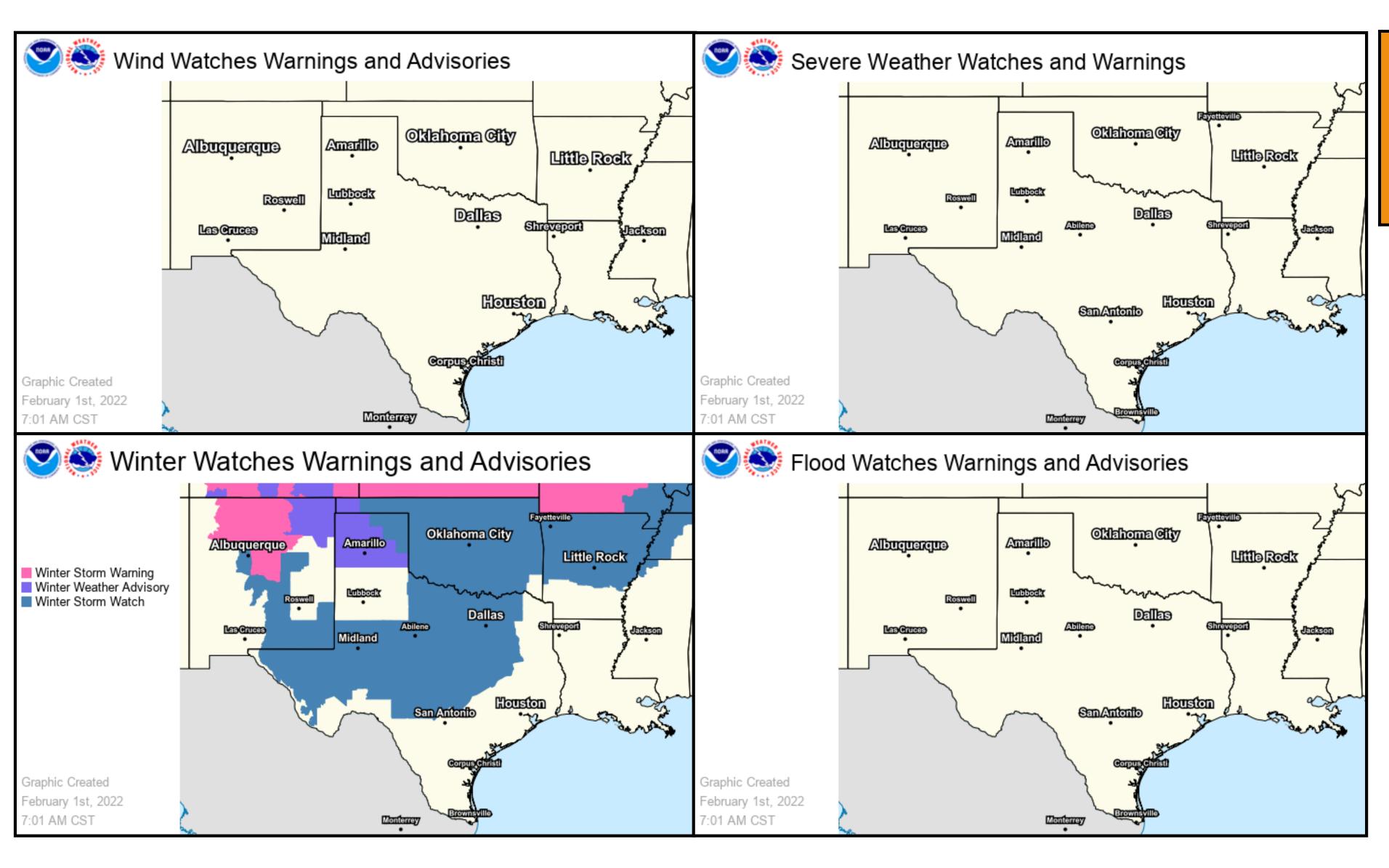


No significant weather expected.

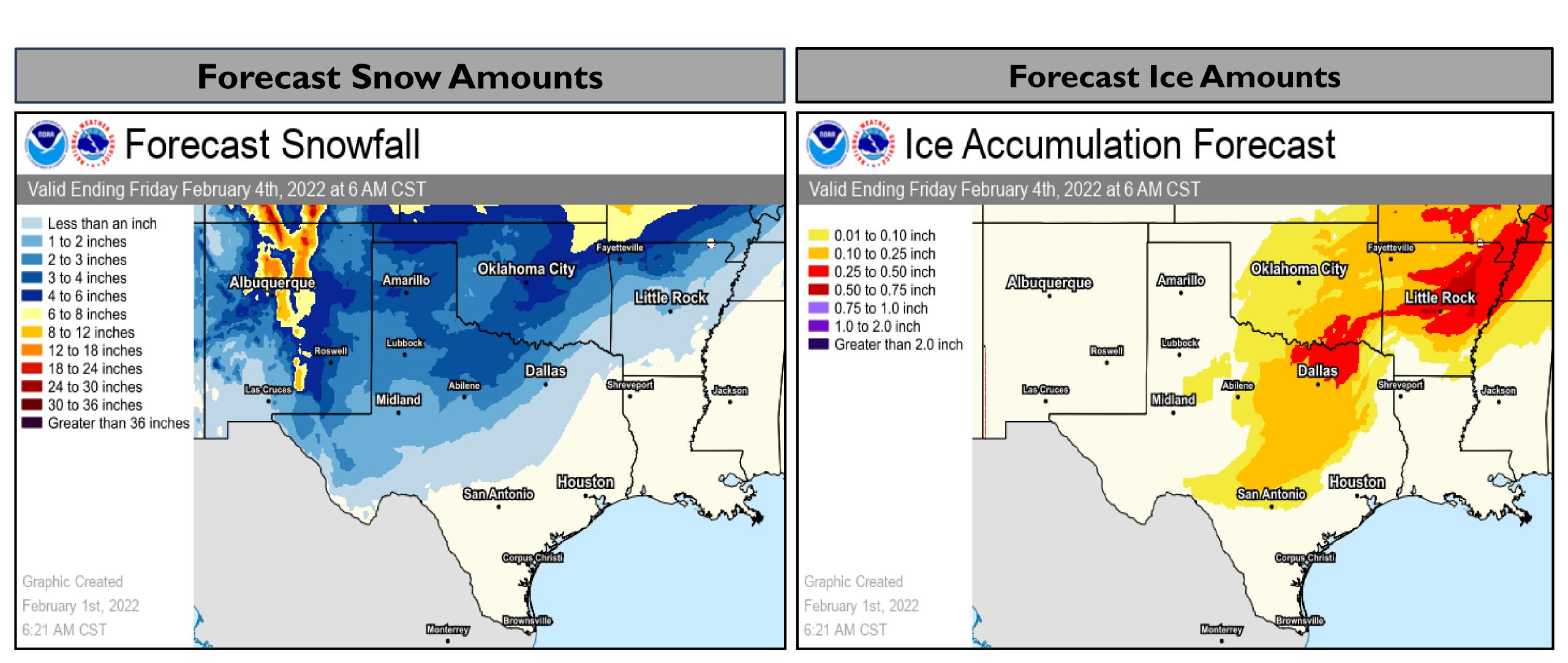


#### Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

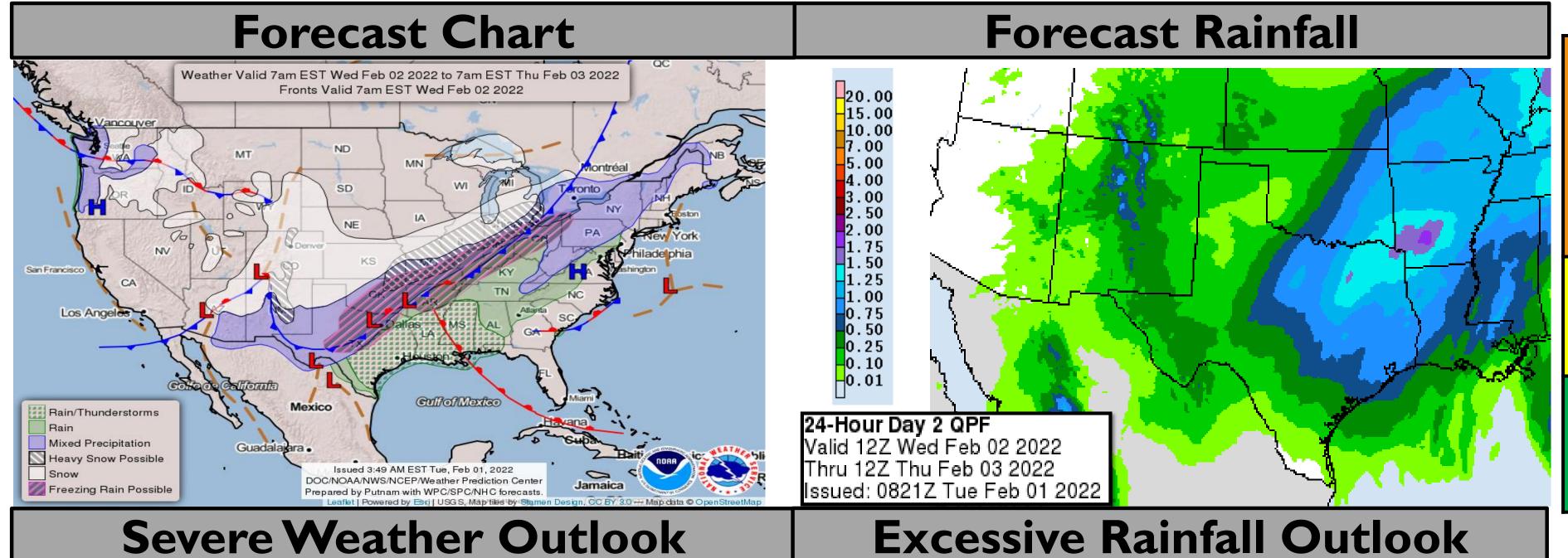


Winter storm watches in effect for Wednesday and Thursday for much of OK, NM into Northern/Central AR, and Northern/Central/West TX.





#### Tomorrow's Weather

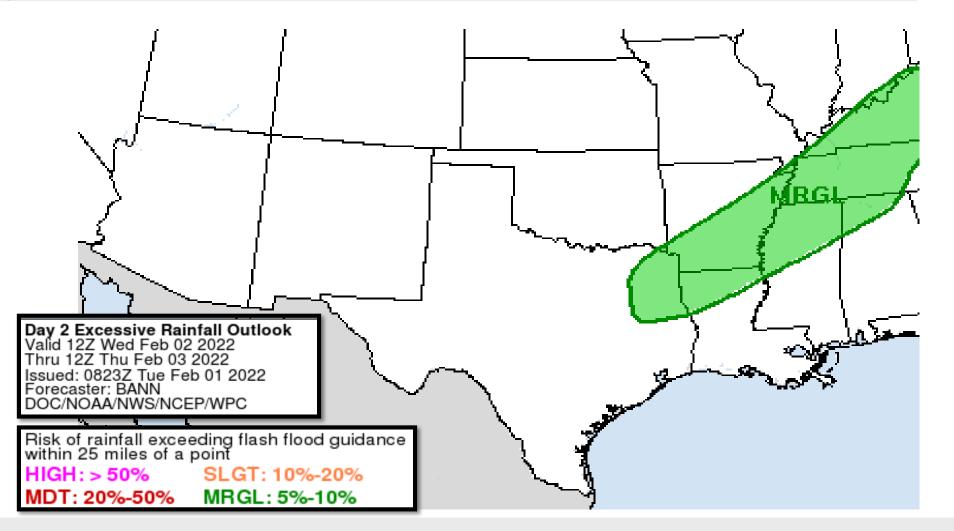


Winter weather with hazardous travel likely and some power outages possible for OK, N/Central AR, N/Central/W TX, & N&E NM.

Cold temperatures for OK, E NM, NW TX.

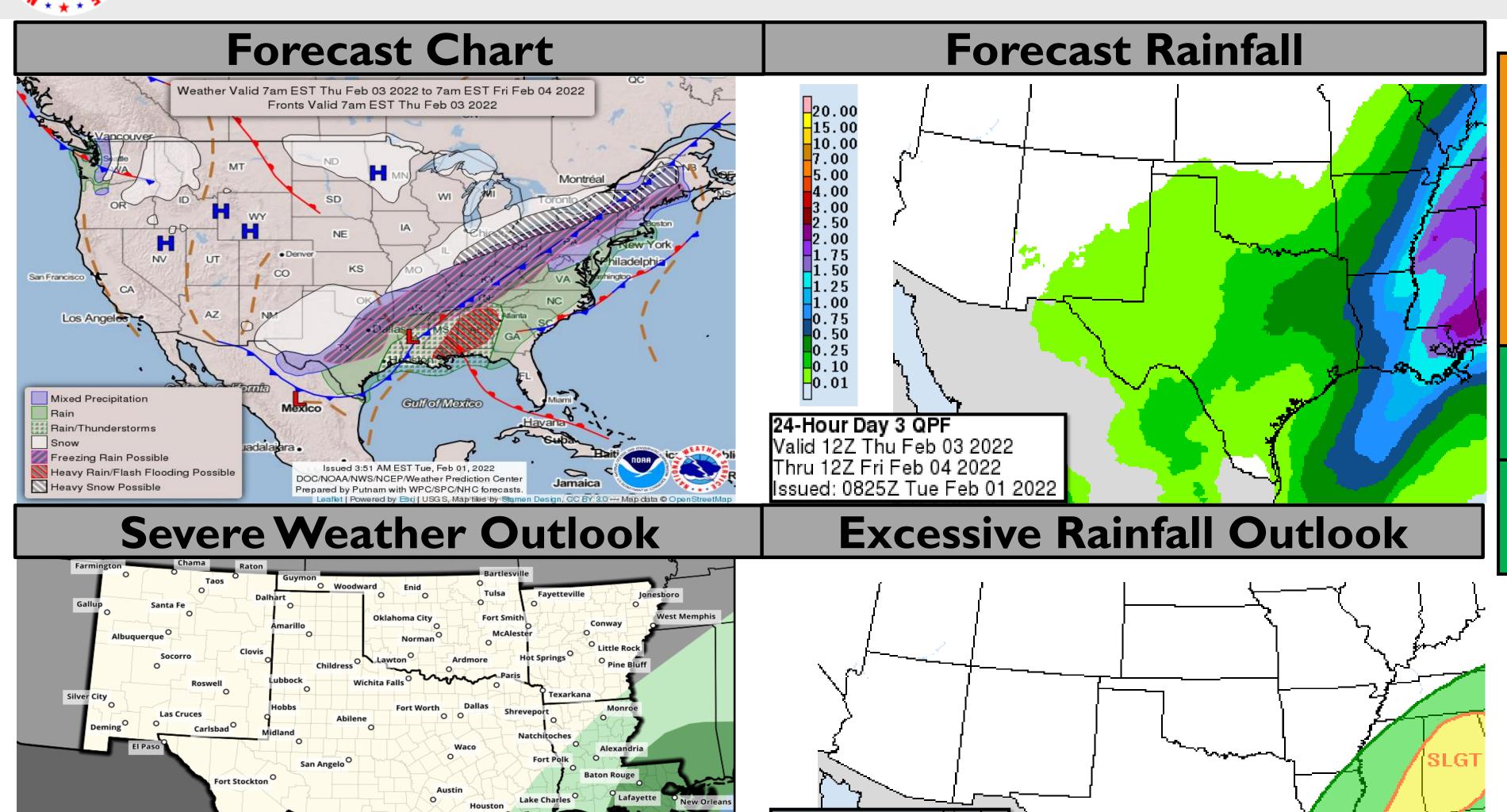
Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible for SAR, NETX, and N LA.







#### Thursday's Weather



5 High Moderate

2 Slight

3 Enhanced

Marginal
Thunder

Day 3 Excessive Rainfall Outlook

Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance

SLGT: 10%-20%

MRGL: 5%-10%

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Thru 12Z Fri Feb 04 2022

within 25 miles of a point

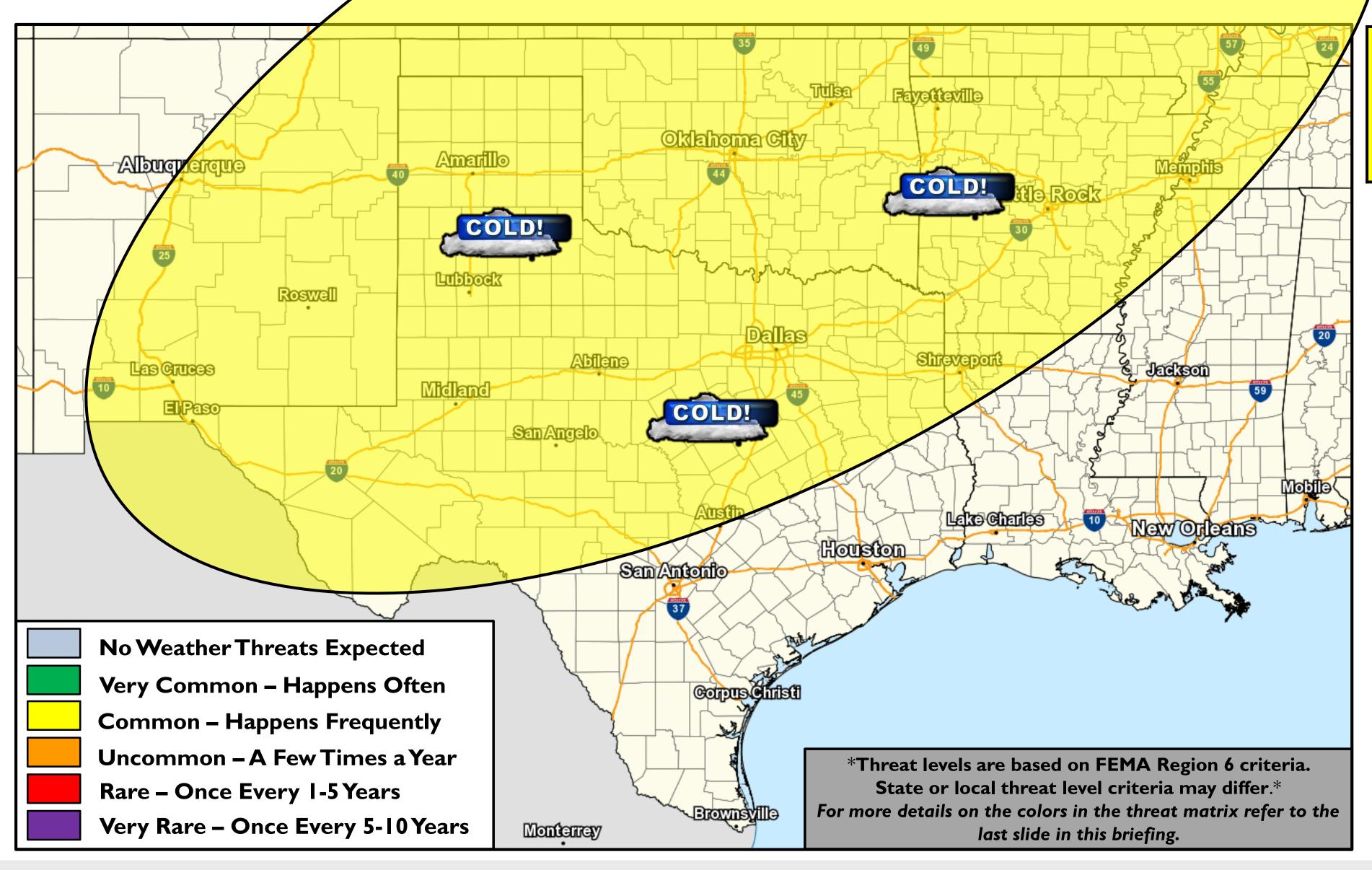
MDT: 20%-50%

Winter weather with hazardous travel likely and some power outages possible for OK, AR, NM, and N/Central/W TX on Thursday. Much colder temperatures across the region.

Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding for LA.

Isolated severe storms for SE LA.

# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards Friday - Saturday

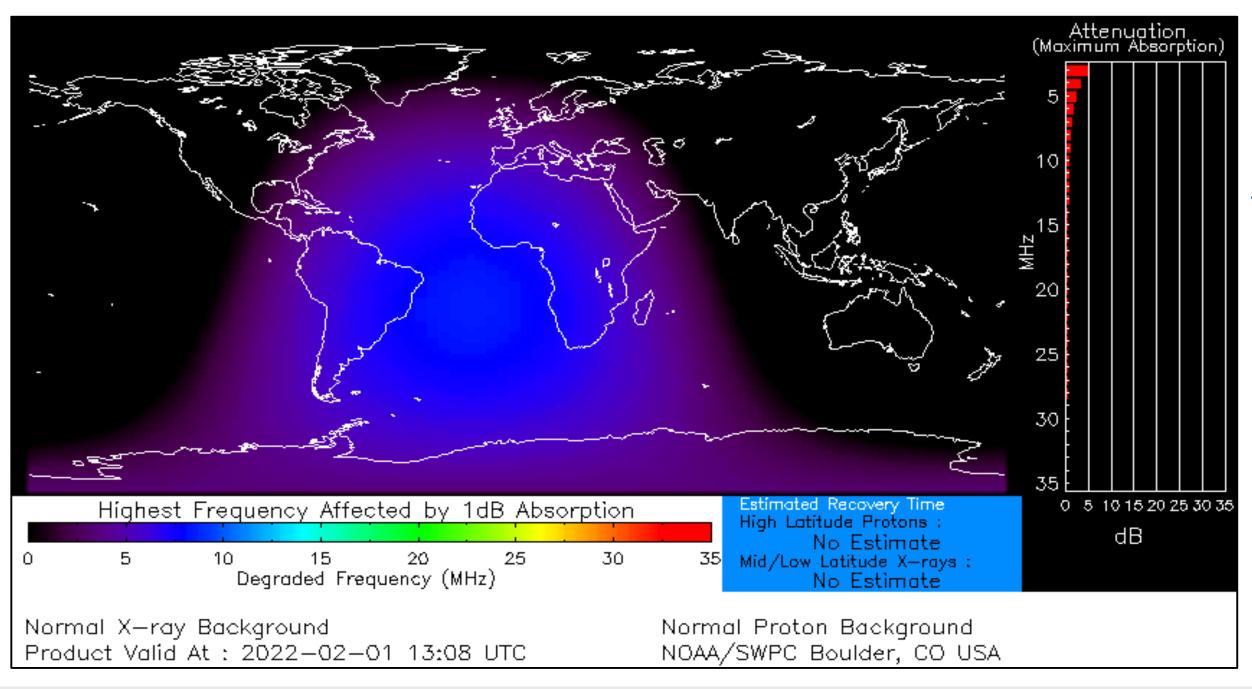


Linger winter weather impacts and cold overnight temperatures for much of OK, TX, NM, AR Friday in Saturday.



#### Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Moderate (G2) Storm (Max Kp = 6)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (SI-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	10%



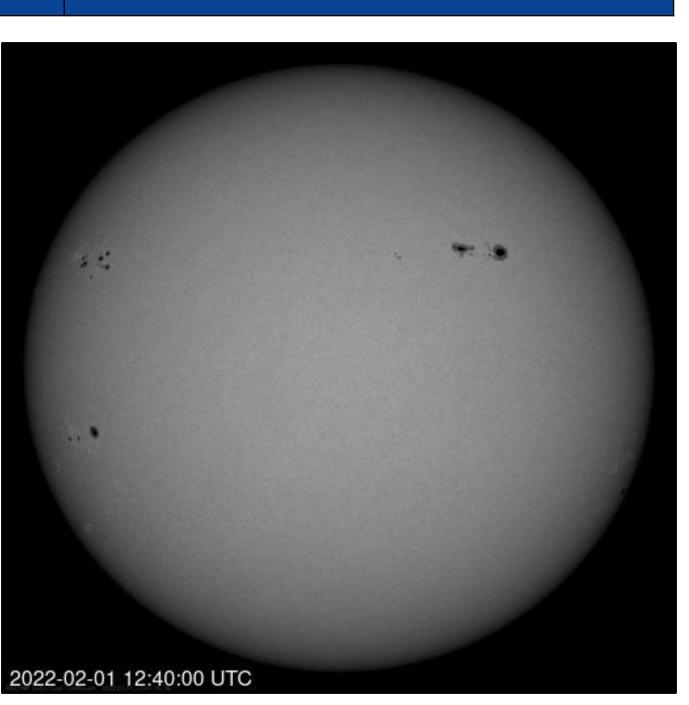
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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales

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3-Day Space Weather

Forecast Text





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	Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI							
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)					
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees  Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as sea breeze storms in coastal TX					
Yellow	Somewhat Common — Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>					
Orange	Uncommon — A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>					
Red	Rare — Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days     Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail     Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue					
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long- lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>					

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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